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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1020.10

Subj: STANDARDS FOR WEARING OF CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORMS (CUU) BY
COAST GUARD PERSONNEL

Ref: (a)COMDTINST M1020.6 (series), Uniform Regulations
(b)COMDTINST M4400.19 (series), Supply Policy and Procedure Manual, Encl. (V-6)

1. Purpose. This instruction promulgates Coast Guard policy on the wear of Camouflage Utility Uniforms, incorporating OPNAV Instruction 1020.4C with Coast Guard specific modifications.
2. Action. Area and district commanders, and commanders of maintenance and logistics commands shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this instruction.
3. Discussion. CUUs are the standard field wear for U.S. military forces, including certain Coast Guard units. The CUU is considered organizational clothing. Normally, Coast Guard personnel will only wear CUUs when operating in an OCONUS environment with other military forces, or when training to operate in an OCONUS environment which would require the wearing of CUUs. G-ODO is the final arbiter regarding CUU policy.
4. Changes. Recommended editorial corrections shall be forwarded to Commandant (G-ODO-1) by rapidraft letter.
5. Policy.
 - a. Except as hereafter provided OPNAVINST 1020.4C will be followed.
 - b. Subject to the uniform policies of the local Operational Commander, CUUs are authorized for wear by USCG personnel

assigned to the following units, teams, or detachments:

- (1) Deployable Port Security Units (PSU).
- (2) International Maritime Law Enforcement Team (IMLET).
- (3) Composite Naval Coastal Warfare Units (CNCWU)/ Harbor Defense Command (HDC).
- (4) Coast Guard Liaison Officers to DOD.
- (5) LEDETs when deployed with units wearing CUUs.
- (6) Coast Guard personnel participating in DOD marksmanship programs.
- (7) Coast Guard personnel who directly support the operations or training of these units may wear CUUs while performing those duties. Authorization may be given by the cognizant Operational or Administrative Commander of these units without prior permission from Commandant (G-ODO).

c. The following is further guidance or Coast Guard specific modifications to OPNAVINST 1020.4C:

- (1) Unit ball caps or other types of unit distinctive covers will not be worn, except by personnel participating in marksmanship events.
- (2) Substitute "U.S. COAST GUARD" in place of "U.S. NAVY" for all service identification markings.
- (3) Unit patches may be worn at the discretion of the commanding officer of a commissioned Port Security Unit. Patches will be tasteful, subtle, and respectful. Patches will be embroidered using the same color background and outline thread as is used for name tags. Unit patches will be centered on the upper left shoulder one half inch below the top of the shoulder seam. The composite nature of CNCWU's obliges that Coast Guard personnel attached to them are not authorized to wear patches. Team and detachments are not commissioned units, and patches are not authorized.
- (4) During joint or multi-nation operations where the distinguishing of individual national military personnel is desired and overrides the tactical consideration of full color insignia on uniforms, the U.S. Flag may be authorized for wear. The wear of the flag on utility uniforms is at the discretion of the organizational commander. During joint operations, the joint commander will normally prescribe the policy. When the flag is approved for wear, it will be sewn one half inch below the right shoulder seam. Title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1, provides for the design and specifies the colors of the United States Flag as red, white, and blue. Subdued colored flags are not authorized. The U. S.

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Flag replica should be approximately two inches by three inches and will be placed with the star field to face forward as the wearer faces. The appropriate replica for the right shoulder sleeve is identified as the reverse side flag.

- (5) The naval block style (i.e. USMC/USN type) CUU cover will be worn. Currently issued Army style CUU covers may be worn until replacement naval block covers can be obtained and issued.
 - (a) With respect to the cap insignia device for Captains, the head of the eagle will face to the wearer's right.
 - (6) The breast/warfare insignia of the specialty in which currently serving will be worn above the "U.S. COAST GUARD." Only one Warfare Qualification device or Cutterman's Pin is to be worn, per enclosure (1), and will be embroidered or stencilled in black.
 - (7) In para 17.a of enclosure (1), replace Navy working khaki uniform with Coast Guard working blue uniform.
 - (8) The senior Coast Guard commander may, if conditions warrant, modify the wearing of the CUU to conform to the uniform as worn by the DoD or other service with which the Coast Guard is operating. Such modifications shall be adhered to only for the period of time dictated by the operation.
- d. Procure CUUs through the federal stock system as organizational clothing per references (a) and (b) using appropriate unit's AFC-30 funds. To verify availability, current pricing, or other BDU related information, you may contact the Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Defense Personnel Center, Philadelphia, PA (215) 737-3021 for assistance. Commandant (G-ODO) and the Area Commanders also maintain a listing of National Stock Numbers (NSNs) for CUUs and accessories.

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Encl: (1) OPNAVINST 1020.4C dtd 3 March 1994 (NOTAL)

OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1020.4C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees not having Navy personnel attached)

Subj: STANDARDS FOR WEARING THE CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORM BY
NAVAL PERSONNEL

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations, NAVPERS 15665H
(b) NAVSUPMAN Vol II Chapter 5

Encl: (1) Standards for Wearing Camouflage Utility Uniform

1. Purpose. To prescribe standard procedures for wearing the Camouflage Utility Uniform. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.
2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1020.4B.
3. Background.
 - a. The camouflage utility uniform/organizational clothing is approved and provided for wear by personnel of fleet/shore commands per references (a) and (b).
 - b. The camouflage utility uniform is intended for naval forces/personnel deployed, ashore, employed in combat/hostile fire zones, personnel working under arduous field conditions, and naval personnel serving with joint operating forces when directed.
 - c. The woodland camouflage pattern shall be the standard camouflage utility uniform. It is available in a 50/50 blend of nylon/cotton, for temperate climates and 100 percent cotton for hot climates. The camouflage utility uniform is also available in desert camouflage pattern, and may be prescribed by appropriate authority. The basic precepts of wear for the woodland camouflage uniform also apply to the desert camouflage uniform.
4. Applicability. Provisions of this instruction apply to members of the U.S. Navy, active and reserve.
5. Definition. The term "appropriate authority" refers to commanders, commanding officers, and officers in charge.

6. Criteria. Personnel who wear the camouflage utility uniform as their normal working uniform may wear it to service facilities such as dispensaries, exchanges, commissaries and contract messing. Per reference (a), the camouflage utility uniform is authorized for travel directly between work and local residence, which includes contract berthing and Naval Reserve activities. The camouflage utility uniform is not authorized for normal liberty or individual travel.
7. Action
 - a. Commands shall take appropriate and continuing action to implement the policies and procedures outlined in this instruction.
 - b. Standards of appearance for all personnel wearing the camouflage utility uniform shall follow guidance contained in enclosure (1).

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STANDARDS FOR WEARING CAMOUFLAGE UTILITY UNIFORM

1. General. The standard camouflage utility uniform consists of standard issue woodland camouflage pattern cap, woodland camouflage pattern coat/shirt, trousers, black 1-1/4 inch web belt with subdued open face buckle, black footwear, and appropriate rank/rate insignia. No items of the 100 percent cotton and nylon/cotton uniforms will be mixed.
 - a. The camouflage utility uniform is designed to function with the Personnel Armor System for Ground Troops (PASGT). Appropriate authority may prescribe (PASGT) items for wear with the camouflage utility uniform.
 - b. The camouflage utility uniform shall be clean and pressed to present a neat appearance. Starching, sizing, or otherwise artificially stiffening the camouflage utility uniform is prohibited.
 - c. Items of the camouflage utility uniform will be marked as prescribed in paragraph 23.
 - d. Authorization. Chief of Naval Operations has authorized the following groups to wear the camouflage utility uniform as their normal work uniform:
 - (1) Naval Construction Force
 - (2) Naval Beach Group
 - (3) Naval Special Warfare Groups
 - (4) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Personnel
 - (5) Navy Cargo Handling and Port Group
 - (6) Personnel of the Construction Ratings, Seabees at Shore Activities
 - (7) Antarctic Support Force
 - (8) Air Traffic Control Unit 100A, Helicopter Support Squadron 9
 - (9) Naval Security Group Activity, Adak
 - (10) Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group, Pacific

- (11) Naval Security Force
- (12) Naval Reserve Security Force
- (13) Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Community
- (14) Joint Operating Forces (See Note)

Note: Commanders of Joint Operating Forces with naval personnel assigned who direct the wear of camouflage uniforms assume responsibility for the cost of issue and maintenance. The wear of camouflage as an optional item at the wearer's expense is not authorized. The commander is also responsible for issuing guidance on the wear of the uniform.

2. Headgear. The following headgear may be worn with the camouflage utility uniform.
 - a. Cap. The cap will be worn squarely on the head so that the visor is on a line and just above the level of the eyes. The camouflage utility cap will not be starched or artificially stiffened.
 - b. Cap, Cold Weather/Helmet Liner. When prescribed by appropriate authority, the cold weather cap may be worn in lieu of the camouflage utility cap.
 - c. Hat, Sun. When prescribed by appropriate authority, the camouflaged sun hat (jungle/desert hat), may be worn in lieu of the camouflage utility cap.
 - d. Helmet, Combat Ground Troop. When prescribed by appropriate authority, the ground troop combat helmet (PASGT), may be worn in lieu of the camouflage utility cap. When the camouflage cover is worn over the helmet, it will be of the same pattern as the coat and trousers.
 - e. Helmet, Construction Worker's. When prescribed by appropriate authority, the construction worker's protective helmet, with/without the camouflage cold weather cap/helmet liner, may be worn in lieu of the camouflage utility cap. Officers and chief petty officers will wear white, all other personnel will wear olive green.
3. Insignia cap. The appropriate rank/rate insignia will be worn centered on the front of the camouflage utility cap by all officers, chief petty officers and petty officers. The bottom of the insignia will be 1-1/4 inch from the visor.

- a. Officers will wear the regular size bright metal grade insignia specified in reference (a) for use with the khaki shirt. Subdued devices may be worn for operational or field necessity when the appropriate authority dictates.
 - b. Master chief, senior chief, and chief petty officers will wear the subdued 1-1/4 inch miniature cap device of the size as prescribed in reference (a) for use with the garrison cap.
 - c. First, second, and third class petty officers will wear the subdued petty officer cap device of the size prescribed in reference (a) for wear with the command ball cap.
 - d. Non petty officers will not wear a cap device.
4. Undershirts (male/female). Undershirts shall be desert brown, cotton, quarter length sleeve, with an elliptical (crew-neck) collar.
 5. Socks. Socks shall be either olive green or black.
 6. Coat/Shirt. The camouflage utility coat/shirt is to be worn outside the waistband of the utility trousers. Sleeves may be rolled up at the option of local commanders. When authorized, utility sleeves will be rolled with the inside out, forming a roll about 3 inches wide, and terminating at a point about 2 inches above the elbow.
 7. Trousers. The camouflage utility trousers shall be of the same material and camouflage pattern as the utility coat/shirt. When worn with combat boots, jungle boots or combination combat/safety boots, the trouser leg will be bloused with garters so that the blouse covers the top row of hooks or eyelets on the boots.
 8. Belt/Buckle. The 1-1/4 inch black cotton, nylon or elastic woven web belt, with subdued tip, and subdued open face buckle will be worn with the camouflage utility trousers. Properly worn with the open face belt buckle, the belt tip will extend 2 to 4 inches from the buckle. Appropriate authority may authorize the standard Navy brass/nickel buckle which will be subdued/ blackened.
 9. Footwear. Black combat boots, jungle boots, or combination combat/safety boots may be worn with the camouflage utility uniform. Footwear will be blackened and buffed.
 10. Sweater, Service Olive Green. The U.S. Marine Corps wool sweater "Wooly Pulley" is authorized for wear with the camouflage

utility uniform. When worn, it will be worn beneath the camouflage utility coat/shirt.

11. Coat, Camouflage Cold Weather. The camouflage cold weather coat (field jacket) is authorized for wear with the camouflage utility uniform.
12. Scarf, Wool Green. During the winter uniform period, appropriate authority may authorize the green wool scarf for wear with the field jacket. When worn, the scarf will overlap to form a "V" at the base of the throat, hiding the garment beneath.
13. Hood, Extreme Cold Weather. During the winter uniform period, appropriate authority may authorize the cold weather hood for wear with the field jacket.
14. Gloves, Shell. The black leather glove shells, with or without the olive green wool liners, are authorized for wear with the camouflage utility uniform.
15. Coat, All Weather. The all weather coat is authorized for wear with the camouflage utility uniform.
16. Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS). The ECWCS camouflage parka and or trousers are authorized for wear with the camouflage utility uniform.
17. Insignia, Collar. The appropriate rank/rate insignias will be worn on the camouflage utility coat/shirt by all officers, chief petty officers and petty officers.
 - a. Line officers will wear the appropriate bright metal grade insignia on the camouflage utility shirt collar, in the manner prescribed in reference (a) for wear on working khaki short sleeve shirt. Subdued devices may be worn for operational or field necessity when appropriate authority dictates.
 - b. Staff corps officers and warrant officers shall wear the appropriate bright metal grade insignia on the right collar and corps device on the left collar of the camouflage utility shirt, in the manner prescribed in reference (a) for wear with the working khaki short sleeve shirt. Subdued devices may be worn for operational or field necessity when appropriate authority dictates.
 - c. Master chief, senior chief and chief petty officers will wear the appropriate subdued metal collar insignia on the collar of the camouflage utility coat/shirt, in the manner prescribed in reference (a) for wear on the working khaki short sleeves shirt.

The 1-1/4 inch device of the size worn with the garrison cap will be used.

- d. First, second, and third class petty officers will wear the appropriate miniature subdued metal collar insignia on the collar of the camouflage utility coat/shirt. Place the vertical axis of the insignia along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar. The bottom of the insignia should be 1 inch from the bottom of the collar tip. Eagles face the front (inward).
 - e. Hospital corpsmen, dental technicians and religious program specialists will wear the collar insignia described in paragraph 17c or d on the right collar and the appropriate subdued rating specialty device on the left collar of the camouflage utility coat/shirt.
 - f. Non petty officers will not wear a collar insignia.
18. Insignia, Metal Shoulder. Officers and warrant officers will wear the large bright metal clutch-type rank insignia on the shoulder of the cold weather coat. The insignia will be centered on the epaulet and the outer edge of each device will be placed 3/4 of an inch from the shoulder sleeve seam. Subdued devices may be worn for operational or field necessity when appropriate authority dictates.
19. Breast/Warfare Qualification Insignia. The warfare insignia of the specialty in which currently serving will be worn above the "U.S. NAVY." Only one Warfare Qualification device is to be worn in accordance with reference (a), paragraph 10201.2, and will be embroidered or stencilled in black.
20. Leather Equipment. Standard black leather equipment is authorized for wear with the camouflage utility uniform. Black web or nylon guard belts may be worn in lieu of leather equipment.
21. Insignia, Construction Worker's Helmet. Rank/Rate insignia for officers, chief petty officers and petty officers shall be the clear adhesive-backed decal. The insignia will be centered on the front of the helmet. The bottom of the insignia will be 1-1/4 inches above the brim.
- a. Last name only printed in black block 1/4 inch letters on white background croy tape, or embossing tape, will be placed below the insignia at the brim line. One type and color of tape will be standard throughout the command.
 - b. Organizational decal shall be centered on the right side.

- c. Safety insignia shall be centered on the left side.
- d. Safety reflective tape will be silver in color, 1 inch wide and 3 inches long. The long axis of the tape will be centered vertically on the rear of the helmet, extending up from the brim line.

22. Identification Badges

- a. Command-at-Sea, Command Ashore/Project Manager, Navy, fleet, force, command master chief, command senior chief, and command chief badges shall be worn per reference (a); however, male members with a force insignia on their left breast pocket will wear their badges centered on the right pocket so as not to conceal the force insignia.
- b. Master-at-arms and career counselor badges shall be worn per reference (a), however, male members with a force insignia on their left breast pocket will wear their badges centered on the right pocket so as not to conceal the force insignia. Females will center the badge 1/4 inch above the name tag over the left breast pocket. Appropriate authority may authorize sewn on cloth badges.
- c. Breast insignia shall be worn per reference (a) for working uniforms.
- d. Command/unit patches or insignia, individual or personal are not authorized.

23. Identification Markings. Identification marking for the camouflage utility uniform consists of the wearer's surname or the words "U.S. NAVY" stenciled, embroidered or molded in approximately 3/4 inch black block letters on a 1 inch wide olive green tape which is then sewn to the uniform. Names exceedingly long can be stenciled, embroidered or molded in 1/2 inch letters. Proper locations of tape are as follows.

a. Shirt

- (1) A tape containing the wearer's surname will be sewn above and flush with the top of the wearer's right shirt pocket.
- (2) A tape containing the words "U.S. NAVY" will be sewn above and flush with the top of the wearer's left shirt pocket.
- (3) An approved force insignia will be stenciled, sewn, embroidered or molded in black, on the wearer's left breast pocket.

- (4) Rating badges will not be worn on the sleeve nor will ratings be stenciled on the camouflage utility coat/shirt.
- (5) Command/unit patches or insignia, individual or personal are not authorized.
- b. Trousers. A tape containing the wearer's surname will be sewn above and flush with the top of the right rear trouser pocket. c. Coat, Camouflage Cold Weather (Field Jacket)
 - (1) A tape containing the wearer's surname will be sewn above and flush with the top of the right coat pocket.
 - (2) A tape containing the words "U.S. NAVY" will be sewn above and flush with the top of the left coat pocket.
 - (3) An approved force insignia will be stenciled, sewn, embroidered or molded in black on the wearer's left breast pocket.
 - (4) Command/unit patches or insignia, individual or personal are not authorized.
- 24. Authorized Modifications For Environmental Extremes. The following modifications are not authorized uniform changes; rather, they are exceptions which may be granted by appropriate authority.
 - a. Coat/Shirt. The camouflage utility shirt may be removed on job sites or in work spaces.
 - b. Trousers. The camouflage utility trousers may be worn unbloused on job sites or in work spaces.
- 25. Female Maternity Work Uniform. Appropriate authority may authorize the following uniform for wear by pregnant unit members as a substitute for the maternity dungarees uniform, should they desire to maintain uniformity throughout their commands.

Uniform Item

Shirt/coat. women maternity work
8410-01-170-****

Slacks, women maternity work
5410-01-170-****

Navy stock numbers (NSN) provided to assist in correct item identification; ensure correct sizes by NSN are ordered.

26. Care and Cleaning. After initial issue of the prescribed quantity of camouflage utility uniform(s) and footwear, the individual assumes the responsibility for its care and cleaning. Clothing may be tailored slightly to ensure proper fit, but form- fitting tailoring will not be permitted.
27. Jewelry. Jewelry is authorized for all male and female personnel and shall be in good taste while in uniform. Eccentricities or faddishness are not permitted. Jewelry shall not present a safety or FOD (Foreign Object Damage) hazard. Jewelry shall be worn within the following guidelines:
 - a. Rings. While in uniform, only one ring per hand is authorized, plus a wedding ring for males, or an engagement ring or wedding ring set for females.
 - b. Earrings. For males, not authorized. For females, one earring per ear (centered on earlobe) may be worn with any uniform. Earrings shall be 6mm ball (approximately 1/4 inch), plain with brushed matte finish, screw-on or with posts. Gold for officers/CPOs, and silver for enlisted personnel. Additionally, no article shall be attached to or through the nose for both male or female.
 - c. Necklaces/Chokers. While in uniform, only one necklace may be worn and it shall not be visible.
 - d. Wristwatch/Bracelet. While in uniform, only one of each may be worn. Ankle bracelets are not authorized.